

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification by inserting the paragraph below, after the title on page 1.

**Cross-Reference to Related Application**

This application claims priority based on International Patent Application No. PCT/FR2004/050483, filed on October 5, 2004, entitled "Method of Producing Pellets of a Nuclear Fuel Based on Mixed Oxide (U, PU)O<sub>2</sub> or (U, TH)O<sub>2</sub>" by Sylvie Dubois and Gilles Cecilia, which claims priority of French Application No. 0311683, filed on October 6, 2003, and which was not published in English.